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INL selects new Nuclear Programs leader

Idaho National Laboratory announces that Dr. Phillip J. Finck will join INL on Oct. 19 as associate laboratory director for Nuclear Programs. Dr. Finck is an internationally recognized expert in advanced reactor and fuel cycle systems. He is noted for his technical leadership in reactor design and analysis, code development and validation, nuclear data, and more recently in systems analysis.

A distinguished nuclear researcher, Dr. Finck received his doctorate in nuclear engineering at MIT in 1982, and earned an MBA from the University of Chicago. He was a mechanical engineer at Novatome, a reactor in France, from 1983 to 1986, and was involved in the safety and design of fast reactors, including France's Superphénix.

In 1986, Dr. Finck joined the staff at Argonne National Laboratory in neutronics methods development for the Integral Fast Reactor concept, and later worked on the New Production Reactor. In 1991, he became the lead for neutronics analyses for Experimental Breeder Reactor-II.

In 1993, he joined the French Atomic Energy Commission, where he was head of the Reactor Physics Laboratory at the Cadarache Center, with activities in light-water reactors and liquid-metal reactors, criticality safety, fuel cycle physics and nuclear data. In 1995, he was elected to chair the European nuclear data project. In 1997, he again joined Argonne National Laboratory, where he was associate director of the Technology Development Division. He has led Argonne activities in the Advanced Accelerator Applications program since 2000, and has been heavily involved in transforming the program from accelerator-based to reactor-based transmutation.

In 2003, he was named deputy associate laboratory director for Engineering Research. On April 11, 2006, he was named associate laboratory director for Applied Science and Technology, where he was responsible for coordination of all nuclear energy-related activities at Argonne. Dr. Finck also is a Fellow in the American Nuclear Society.

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